

## MORE PAY PROMISED LONDON POLICEMEN

Danger of Strike There and in  
Other English Cities  
Grows Less.

## MANY LEAVE THE UNION

Younger Men, Less Keen for  
Pensions, in Majority and  
Favor Walkout.

LONDON, May 31.—Prediction was made to-night that there would be no strike of the police in London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester and other English cities. The situation brought about by the threatened strike showed a change for the better to-day. Promises of increased pay were responsible for many men resigning from the police union.

The repetition to-day of the order issued Friday by Gen. Macready, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force, had a sobering effect on the older men on the police forces in the provincial cities and in London. The Commissioner's order was that any officer or man failing to report for duty would be dismissed and would not be permitted to rejoin the force in any circumstances.

The ballot of the police resulted 19 to 1 in favor of a strike, but the voting was done before the Home Office announced the increase in wages.

The older men are not inclined to jeopardize their pay and pensions for the police demands—recognition of the union and reinstatement of dismissed constables.

The younger men were all for a strike and as they formed a majority of the union members in London, it was expected that the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of "downing truncheons."

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## BURLESON ACTS TO AVERT WIRE STRIKE

Atlanta Union Leaders Reply,  
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Workers."

## TO-MORROW IS TIME LIMIT

Nationwide Walkout of Tele-  
graph and Phone Work-  
ers Threatened.

ATLANTA, May 31.—Differences between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and employees, which, according to labor leaders, will result in a nationwide strike of telegraph operators, telephone and electrical workers unless settled by Monday, have been referred to the Government wire operating board in New York for adjustment.

J. Epps Brown, president of the Southern Bell Company, in making this announcement to-night denied there had been discrimination against employees because of union membership. Members of a union committee which presented to the company to-day an ultimatum calling for the reinstatement of fourteen telephone operators who, they asserted, had been discharged because of membership in the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said that a nationwide strike would be called at 3 P. M. Monday unless demands were met. Mr. Brown said that only six of 550 women operators in Atlanta had been discharged since May 1 and that the company "made no distinction between union and non-union employees."

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